Regulations for foreign companies

3279. SHRI AMAR SINGH:

SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of foreign companies functioning in our country at present;

(b) whether Government have set up any mechanism to identify the foreign companies that are not observing the rules framed by regulatory agencies and if so, the details thereof and what is the number of such companies identified by that agency; and

(c) what action government have taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) 1497 foreign companies have been registered under section 592 of the Companies Act, 1956.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Foreign companies incorporated outside India and having a place of business in India are required to comply with some minimum filing requirements, such as intimating address in India, financial position, indebtedness etc., as per the provisions of the Companies Act. Notices have been issued to 53 Companies for failure to file their Annual Accounts in' accordance with the provisions of Section 594 of the Companies Act. Out of these, 43 companies have complied with the requriemerits of this Section and action is being taken against the remaining 10 companies.

Excess Refund of tax by CBDT

3280. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases in which excess refund of tax or interest under Income Tax Act was made by CBDT during the last two financial years;

(b) the amount involved and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to avoid recurrence of such errors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Sir, refunds of tax or interest under Income Tax Act are issued by the